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My name is George (n) McRAE. My permanent home address is 13 Cozzons Avenue, Riverside, Rhode Island. I am a high school graduate and enlisted in the Marine Corps in October 1938. I became Private, First Class, and my serial number is 268634.

At the surrender of Corregidor I was seized by the Japanese and placed in Cabanatuan Camp #3, staying there from May 1942 until October 1942. In November 1942 I was transferred to Umeda Camp in Osaka, where I remained until May 1945. At that time I was transferred to what was known as the Headquarters Prison Camp (Chico), also at Osaka, and again in June 1945 I was transferred to Nagoya Camp #10, where I remained until the end of the war. I have already filled out a questionnaire (this was a statement sworn to and signed by me and also witnessed by a Naval Intelligence Officer), submitted to me by a Naval Intelligence Officer aboard the U.S.S. Rescue while enroute during the month of September from Yokohama to San Francisco. In addition to the information I gave at that time, there are the following facts which I should also like to have made a matter of record.

While at the Headquarters Camp at Osaka I witnessed Japanese refusal to distribute Red Cross supplies of clothing and the results of previous refusals to do that over a period of several years. All Red Cross supplies for the Osaka area came to the Headquarters Camp first and the prisoners at that camp were fully provided for from these supplies. However, instead of sending the balance of these supplies to the other prison camps in the area, of which there were four or more, these supplies were simply kept stored at the Headquarters Camp. The result was that the prisoners in the Umeda Camp, where I was previously stationed, were dependent almost entirely upon tropical clothing they wore when they were seized in the Philippines, for 1942-1943. A small amount of Japanese army clothing was distributed subsequently, but, except for one issue of gloves and an army hat, not a single item of Red Cross clothing was given to the prisoners at the Umeda Camp from the supplies received in the Headquarters Camp. In addition to having the opportunity to see what was distributed at the Headquarters Camp as compared to what had been passed

on to us at the Umeda Camp, I also saw stocks of shoes and underwear, furnished by the Red Cross, which remained unused.

The Headquarters Camp was managed when I was there in 1945 by a Japanese Lieutenant called by the prisoners "you know", who was slender, about 5'8" tall and wore glasses. At that same Headquarters Camp was also stationed a Japanese Army Colonel by the name of MaRada TAISHA, who was the Osaka G.M. area commander for prisoner of war camps. There were four or more such camps in this area under his command, including Umeda.

Just before I arrived at the Headquarters Camp, an incident occurred which was related to me by A. Knudsen, a Merchant G.M. Marine Officer who was formerly Chief Mate on the S.S. Stanvac Calcutta, and was also confined to the Headquarters Camp. This incident happened in April 1945 following B-29 raids in the area. An evening roll call was taken of all the prisoners of the camp, of which there were 500 or 600, and every man answering to the number "29" was taken down into the prison yard. These prisoners were then beaten severely with bamboo sticks and then forced to kneel on rock piles for about 1½ hours, during which time they were additionally beaten with these same bamboo sticks.

This information to the best of my knowledge represents true facts in each instance, and I have no information favorable or unfavorable to add.

s/ George McRae

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA :
County of Alameda : SS

I, George (n) McRae of lawful age, being duly sworn, state that I have read the foregoing transcription of my interrogation, consisting of two pages, and that all answers contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

s/ George McRae

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
ninth day of October 1945 at Oakland, California.

s/ K. H. Brown
(Rank) Lieut Comdr. U.S.N.R.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA:
County of Alameda : SS

I, K. H. Brown, Lieut. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
certify that (name) George (n) McRAE (Rank) Pvt. 1st class
(ASN) 268634, personally appeared before me on the ninth
day of October, 1945, and testified concerning war crimes,
and that the foregoing is an accurate transcription of the
answers given by (him) (her) to the several questions set
forth.

Place: Oakland, California

Date: 9 October 1945

s/ K. H. Brown

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EDWIN F. SVARE
1st Lt. Infantry

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私ノ姓名ハジヨーズ（エヌ）マツクライ
デアリマス。私ノ父ハロードアイラ
ード州リバースайд市マツクライ十三
號デアリマス。我ハ中學校ノ卒業生デ一
九三八年十月海兵隊ノ兵隊ニ入りマシタ
私ハ一等水兵トナリマシタ。ソシテ私ノ
認識番号ハ二六八六三四デアリマス。

マレヒドール島降伏ノ際カハ日米人ニ捕
ハラレカバサツアム收容所三號ニ送レラ
レ。ソコニ一九四二年五月カラ一九四二
年十月迄居マシタ。一九四二年十一月私
ハ大トノ梅田收容所ニ移サレソコニ一九
四五年五月迄イマシタ。ソノ頃私ハ矢張
リ大阪ニアル收容所本部（錦港）トシテ
知ラレテイタ所ニ移サレマシタ。ソレカ
ラ再ビ一九四五年六月ニ名置屋收容所十
號ニ移サレ。其處ニ終戦迄居マシタ。

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他年ノ間ニ亙ツテ既ニ分配スルノヲ拒否
シテイタ事ノ結果トナ目撃シマシタ。大

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陸地區ニ對スル赤十字ノ救恤品ハ全部先
ヅ收容所本部ニ來マシタ、ソシテソノ收
容所ノ所長ハ之等救恤品カラ十分ニ供給
サレマシタ。然シ乍ラソノ地區ニ於ケル
他ノ收容所、ソレハ四ツ或ヒハソレ以上
アリマシタガ、ニ對シテ之等救恤品ノ運
部ヲ送ルコトヲシテ之等救恤品ハ唯
收容所本部ニ貯藏サレテ置カレマシタ。
ソノ結果私カ以前ニ容レラレテイタ井田
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マセシタ。ソノ後日本ノ軍服カ儘カ
許リ支給サレマシタガ赤十字ノ衣服ハ手
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部テ受取ラレタ救恤品カラ井田收容所ノ
停止ニ一點ノ支給モアリマセシタ。
收容所本部テ支給サレタ物ヲ井田收容所
テ渡サレテイタ物ト比シテ見ル機會ゴ
アツタ外ニ私ハ赤十字ニヨツテ支給サレ
タ物ヤ下差ヲ使用サレズニ貯藏サレテア
ルヲ見マシタ。

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3.

私ハソコニイタ一九四五仁ニハ東京所方
部ハ、夏ヲタ玉限八時位ノ背丈テ証候ヲ
オケ、停電カラ「何ノ類」ト呼バレテイ
タ目ホク中尉ニヨツテ監理サレテイマシ
タ。同ジ收容所オ部ニ、村田大佐原文
ハ「マラダタ」シヤ「トイフ」前ノ日
オノ陸軍大佐モ居マシタ、ソノ野ハ母良
收容所ノ大阪北區司令官テアリマシタ。
彼ノ部下ニハ「田ヲ入」レテ四ツカ武ヒハ
ソレ以上ノコノ様ナ收容所マアリマシタ
私モ收容所オ部ニ到着スル直前或ル事件
モ起リマシタ。ソレハ元々タコバツカカ
ルカツタ號ノ一連運兵士テ矢張り收容所
ニ監禁サレテイタ。タコバツカコ商船兵士
官カラ聞キマシタ。此ノ事件ハ一九四五
年四月、官州區ニ於ケルB二十九ノ爆撃
ニ續イテ記ツタノデス。夕方、黒野カソ
ノ收容所ノ五百人カ六百人ノ停電全部ニ
行ハレマシタ、ソレテ「二十九」トイフ
琴見ニ返事サシタ。ニハ誰デモ此收容所ノ庭
ニ近レテ行カレマシタ。ソレカラ之台呼
直ハ竹ノ森テ立シタ打タレ約一時間半ノ

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問石ノ山ノ上ニ坐ラセラレマシタ、ソノ
門徒衆ハ更ニ及コノ同ジ竹ノ標ヲ毆打サ
レマシタ。
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